

## **Minutes for the June 5, 2007 Town of Spring Plan Commission Meeting**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10p.m. by Fred Iausly.
2. Roll Call- Iausly, Schmidt, Thomas and Frank were present. Graves absent.
3. Minutes from last month meeting will be reviewed at next month's meeting due to Graves being absent.
4. Motion approving agenda as posted by Schmidt, second by Thomas. Motion passed.
5. Updates- Yearly workshop was attended by Iausly and Schmidt. Information regarding roads and land use were the major discussions.
6. Communications - Iausly read an email sent to him by Tim Zumm in regards to the Hwy 60 Scenic Byway Proposal.
7. Business Items-
  - a. Scenic Byway Proposal - Mark Cupp, executive director of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway Board made a presentation regarding designating Hwy 60 from Lodi to Prairie du Chien as scenic byway. The Scenic Byway Program is administered through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation but any regulations would come from the local towns. The benefits of this program are that it can be used as a marketing tool for tourism as well as the local towns would have access to grant funds to develop historical areas along the route (this would include waysides, scenic overlooks, etc). Per Mr. Cupp, the only regulation is the prohibition on any new advertising (billboards) along the route. Municipalities can exempt areas along the route from this regulation but then they would not be able to receive grants. Mr. Cupp said the preliminary application has been submitted but now needs 70% approval from the local governments. Once he has that, the development of the plan would be the next step. So far out of all the communities that he has presented this program to, Lone Rock has been the only town who has not approved it. He is planning on making a presentation at the Sauk County Transportation meeting on Thursday. A motion to postpone decision until next month to allow for more complete review of information presented by Schmidt, second by Frank. Motion carried unanimously. Mark Cupp will be presenting again at the July meeting.
  - b. Northern Natural Gas – Northern Gas is requesting site approval and zoning change for a proposed compressor station on the east side of Highway 23 near the intersection of STH 23 and Snyder Road, within the ET Zoning District. Currently, there is an ethanol plant about 100 miles north in Necedah that will be using the supply line that runs through this property. This may cause some problems with a decrease in residential gas pressure. This compressor station would solve that problem. The station would automatically shut down if any leak detected and have a maximum of 54 decibel rating, about “voice level”. The plans were to have the building be completely enclosed with fencing but after some concerns with residents it was recommended to keep the west side open so that was more visible to ward off terrorism/vandals. A motion to recommend that the Town of Spring Green Board approve the site with the following conditions; dark sky compliance, landscaping on the east and south sides, and that the noise be below 55 decibels by Frank second by Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.
  - c. Residential Subdivision – The letters from Sauk County Zoning and Town of Spring Green will be given to the Spring Green Town Board on Thursday for approval before mailing them to the residents. Informational meeting for residents is planned for June 26, 2007 at the Town Hall. Also, Sauk County is planning on doing an inventory of non-conforming uses so that they can keep track on those.
  - d. Comprehensive Plan – tabled until next month's meeting
8. Next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2007 at 7:00 pm.
9. Motion to adjourn by Schmidt, second by Iausly. Motion passed.

**Signature of the Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Michelle Thomas**

**Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fred Iausly**